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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket Number (Optional) 246472005200 FY 2008 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) July 22, 2003 Application Number 10/623.803 Filed For INTERVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS A. Ramana Art Unit 3733 Examiner This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): Fee Small Entity Fee One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$120 \$60 \$460 \$230 460.00 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1050 \$525 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1640 \$820 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2230 \$1115 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Deposit Account Number 03-1952 Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 August 21, 2008 Date (703) 760-7735 Bradley J. Meier Telephone Number Typed or printed name NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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